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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>	<b>Application Number</b> 09/444,916 <b>Filing Date</b> 22 Nov 1999 <b>First Named Inventor</b> R. F. Barnard <b>Art Unit</b> 3627 <b>Examiner Name</b> Elaine L. Gort <b>Attorney Docket No.</b> END919990116US1
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \*\*.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \*\*\*\*\*.

iii.  Other

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

ii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv.  Other

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1/103(c) for a period of \*\* months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required).

b.  Other: Applicants attorney requests an in-person interview with the Examiner.

3. FEES

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457

i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii.  Other

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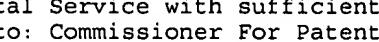
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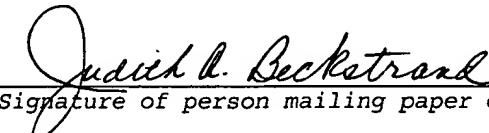
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